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30 Important English Questions for SBI Clerk Prelims 2019

Directions (1- 10): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Obesity is a medical condition in which excess body fat has accumulated to the extent that it may have an adverse effect on a person's health, leading to reduced life expectancy and/or increased health problems. In other words, it means to be dangerously overweight. Obesity is a leading preventable cause of death worldwide, with increasing prevalence in adults and children, and authorities view it as one of the most serious public health problems of the 21st century.

To know if a person is overweight, the body mass index (BMI) is calculated, by dividing the weight (in kilograms) by the height of the person in meters, squared (multiplied by itself). This is only meaningful for adults who are fully grown and should not be used for children. In children a healthy weight varies with age and gender. Obesity in children and adolescents is defined not as an absolute number but in relation to a historical normal group.

A BMI between 20 and 24 is considered normal. People with a BMI of 24 or more are said to be overweight; with 30 and above, they are considered obese, and with 35 and above, they are considered severely obese (this used to be called morbidly obese). In general, the BMI number is a good quantifiable measurement of a person's obesity, however it is a poor predictor in people who are very athletic, because a person with a higher than average amount of muscle tissue will weigh more than an average person, thus resulting in a BMI that is higher than normal, even if that person is very large fat people of America. Someone who is

1.75m tall, and has a weight of 80 kg, would have a BMI of $80 / 3.0625$. This gives a BMI of 26.12. He or she would therefore be considered overweight.

Obesity is usually helped by diet (being careful about what food to eat) and exercise. Some people also use weight loss programs. In severe cases, drugs can be given. In very severe cases, weight-loss surgery can be done. Obesity usually occurs because of over-eating and lack of enough exercise and is easily treated by not eating so much food.

Many cultures throughout history viewed obesity as the result of a character flaw. The obese or fat character in Greek comedy was a glutton and figure of mockery. In fact, the Greeks were the first to recognize obesity as a medical disorder. Hippocrates said, "Corpulence is not only a disease itself, but the harbinger of others". It was known to the Indian surgeon Sushruta (6th century BCE), who related obesity to diabetes and heart disorder. He recommended physical work to help cure it and its side effects.

During Christian times food was viewed as a gateway to the sins of sloth and lust. But, for much of human history mankind struggled with food scarcity, and so obesity has sometimes been viewed as a sign of wealth and prosperity. It was common among high officials in Europe in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance as well as in Ancient East Asian civilizations. With the onset of the industrial revolution it was realized that the military and economic might of nations were dependent on both the body size and strength of their soldiers and workers. Increasing the average body mass index from what is now considered underweight to what is now the normal range played a significant role in the development of industrialized societies. Height and weight thus both increased through the 19th century in the developed world. During the 20th century, as populations reached their genetic potential for height, weight began increasing much more than height, resulting in obesity. In the 1950s increasing wealth in the developed world decreased child mortality, but as body weight increased heart and kidney disease became more common.

Q1. The BMI number is a good quantifiable measurement of a person's obesity but it has certain limitations. Justify.

- (a) BMI measurement gives inaccurate results above a certain weight.
- (b) BMI measurement does not hold good for elderly people.
- (c) BMI measurement is a poor indicator of obesity for athletes.
- (d) BMI measurement varies with gender.
- (e) All are true

Q2. What makes the BMI measure higher than normal for athletic people?

- (a) As their body weights vary at different period of time according to their physical work.
- (b) As their muscle tissue is higher than the average amount
- (c) As they consume diet more than an average person.
- (d) Both (a) and (c)
- (e) All are correct



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Q3. As per the passage, how can obesity be prevented in people?

- (a) diet
- (b) surgery
- (c) weight loss programs
- (d) Only (A) and (C)
- (e) All (A), (B) and (C)

Q4. Obesity has sometimes been viewed as a sign of wealth and prosperity. Why?

- (a) Obesity is a problem that requires lots of money for its treatment.
- (b) As only wealthy people are susceptible to obesity.
- (c) As food was scarce and not everyone could afford it in abundance.
- (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (e) All are correct.

Q5. In the developed world, which of the following is/ are the shift(s) that were seen during the 19th and 20th century?

- (I) Increase in the average body mass index.
- (II) Decrease in the child mortality.
- (III) Increase in the heart and kidney diseases.
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) All are correct

Q6. Which of the following cannot be inferred from the passage above?

- (a) Europeans were the first to recognize obesity as a medical disorder.
- (b) Obesity is a one of the serious problem nowadays seen in children and adults.
- (c) Food is often regarded as the factor of sins of sloth and lust.
- (d) People with their BMI being 30 or more are obese.
- (e) Both body size and strength played a significant role for the development of industrialized society.

Directions (7-8): Choose the word/group of words which is most SIMILAR in meaning to the word/group of words printed in bold as used in passage.

Q7. Sloth

- (a) Onerous
- (b) Indolence
- (c) dour
- (d) eclectic
- (e) congruity

Q8. Glutton

- (a) antithesis
- (b) construe
- (c) disparate
- (d) gourmand
- (e) Dispel

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Directions (9-10): Choose the word/group of words which is most OPPOSITE in meaning to the word/group of words printed in bold as used in passage.

Q9. Prevalence

- (a) cognizant
- (b) bane
- (c) bereft
- (d) peculiar
- (e) amenable

Q10. Accumulated

- (a) assembled
- (b) aggregate
- (c) concentrate
- (d) gather
- (e) separated

Directions (11-15): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are given in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Some people shy away from travelling alone, a few embrace it. So, what is it that makes it an attractive option? What are the advantages of going it alone? Well first things first, travelling solo can be very liberating. The itinerary you set and all the decisions you make are yours and yours alone. You don't need to worry about any other person or group. In other words, there's no need to compromise, there are no arguments, and no need to second-guess what other people want or need. Actually, you can be completely selfish. Travelling alone is also a great confidence builder. Yes, at times it can feel a bit lonely, but that is just one of many problems you will have to solve yourself, along with making your own arrangements, and setting your own goals.

Have you noticed that when you're on your own, people are more willing to start a conversation with you? You're more likely to take the initiative as well, and before you know it, up pops an invitation for a meal, a side trip, a stay at someone's home. For some odd reason people keep a slight distance from couples and groups, probably because they seem so self-contained and exclusive. Whereas the lone traveller looks ready to connect with their fellow human beings, and more likely to engage in pleasant conversation and simple exchanges about their travels. Putting it simply, lone travellers look interesting.

Here are two more exciting reasons why you should consider travelling solo: You will find you learn language faster when you don't have someone else talking to you in your own language all the time. It's funny, but we interact, are forced to interact much more frequently when we travel alone in a country that doesn't speak our native tongue. If that doesn't convince you, there is the chance for adventure and even

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romance. When you're on your own you're free to meet someone who might turn out to be very important in your life. The most important factor to consider in your decision to make a trip alone is your own sense of independence. If you find that you have little tolerance for the idiosyncracies of others, or you don't get how group dynamics work, you might be happier travelling alone. Of course, there may be things holding you back: Fear of the unknown, or maybe you have a spouse, relative, or friend who may be upset by your decision to take off by yourself, you will have to convince them of the value of travelling alone and allay any fears they might have, but with the technology at our fingertips, you can include them in the adventure.

Q11. What is/ are the demerit (s) of traveling alone?

- (a) We need to solve the problems with ourselves.
- (b) We need to be dependent on unknown people for various things
- (c) Sometimes we can feel lonely.
- (d) Both (b) and (c) are correct
- (e) All of the above.

Q12. What are the things that restrict us to travel alone?

- (I) Relatives or spouse not allowing to travel alone.
- (II) The fear of unknown people might restrict us.
- (III) not finding a reason to travel alone
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) All are correct

Q13. What are the advantages of travelling alone?

- (I) Make our connections strong with other people along the journey
- (II) We can selfishly make our own decisions.
- (III) Great confidence builder
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (I) and (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) All are correct

Q14. Choose the word which is most nearly the same in meaning to the word given in bold as used in the passage.

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- (a) dispel
- (b) edict
- (c) emulate
- (d) mollify
- (e) exhort

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Q15. Choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the word given in bold as used in the passage.

EMBRACE

- (a) disparate
- (b) atrophy
- (c) repudiate
- (d) bane
- (e) persuade

Directions (16-25): In the passage given below there are blanks which are numbered from 1 to 10. They are to be filled with the options given below the passage against each of the respective numbers. Find out the appropriate word in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering its meaning.

As we have kept on burning more and more of organic fuel, such as coal and crude oil, over the last century (16) the world, the amount of the oxidation product, carbon dioxide (CO₂), in the atmosphere has reached (17)..... levels, causing global warming and climate change.

Given this scenario, why not capture the CO₂ from the atmosphere and (18) it into something inescapable, such as solid carbonate rocks? Such direct air capture of the gas and converting it from the biosphere to the geosphere (as rocks and minerals) has been done by a company in Switzerland, called Climeworks. They have (19) a plant in Iceland, where they bury CO₂ into solid calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) rocks, just as basalt; they also sell the CO₂ to greenhouses and beverage makers.

An even better method would be to convert it back into hydrocarbon fuel through a (20) reaction, a process termed as air to fuel or A2F. And a group of scientists led by Dr David Keith of Harvard have put together a company called "Carbon Engineering", with such a conversion of DAC into A2F. They have (21) their latest paper in the journal Joule last month. Incidentally, the name of the journal is (22) since a unit of energy in the international system of units is a joule, named after the English physicist James P. Joule).

The team has been working for the last several years on this problem. What is being done is to capture the undesirable product CO₂, run it through a reactor in an (23) manner and use it to combine with hydrogen (obtained through electrolysis of water) and generate the hydrocarbon fuel. The whole process is what is termed as 'carbon-neutral-fuel production' by them.

Capturing CO₂ from (24) air itself is not new. As the authors point out, this was attempted as early as the 1950s, as a pre-treatment of air; and in the 1960s, it was attempted to use as feedstock for the production of hydrocarbon fuels in mobile nuclear power plants. What Carbon Engineering has done is to describe the nuts and bolts of the process, the engineering steps, and the cost-benefit analysis. Their claim is that it should be possible to make the process as (25) as anywhere between US \$50-100 per ton of CO₂ captured by DAC.

Q16.

- (a) beside
- (b) across
- (c) since
- (d) on
- (e) rest

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Q17.

- (a) increase
- (b) deflating
- (c) alarming
- (d) distress
- (e) startle

Q18.

- (a) divert
- (b) reversed
- (c) addressed
- (d) convert
- (e) stagnate

Q19.

- (a) put in
- (b) put off
- (c) put up
- (d) put out
- (e) put

Q20.

- (a) reverse
- (b) back
- (c) rage
- (d) stagnate
- (e) contradict

Q21.

- (a) publish
- (b) reports
- (c) published
- (d) concealed
- (e) withhold

Q22.

- (a) apt
- (b) fitted
- (c) correction
- (d) relevance
- (e) disinclination





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Q23.

- (a) energize
- (b) systematic
- (c) efficient
- (d) potent
- (e) economic

Q24.

- (a) circulate
- (b) obdurate
- (c) berate
- (d) flow
- (e) ambient

Q25.

- (a) practicality
- (b) works
- (c) viable
- (d) possibility
- (e) Both (B) and (C)

Directions (26-30): Read each of the following sentences to find out if there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number (A, B, C or D) of this part is your answer. If there is no error in the statement, then mark option (e) as your answer choice.

Q26. Finally, the retiring judge (A)/ would address to the assembly (B)/ and share his own experiences and (C)/ advice for the future. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q27. It is too early to talk or indulge in wishful (A)/ thinking about future calculations. Let us first (B)/contest the elections and win a sizeable number (C)/ of seats in order to being able to form a government. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

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Q28. The measure is aim at (A)/ promoting e-vehicle's use and the (B)/ government is considering exemption (C)/ from permits for such vehicles. (D)/

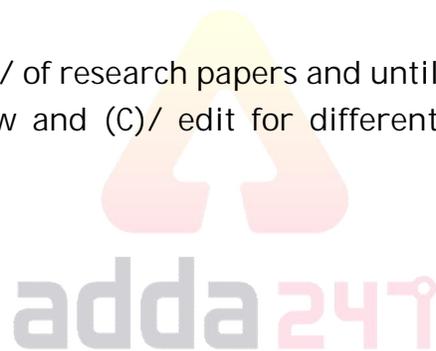
- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q29. When Mr Tamhankar realized she wasn't (A)/ going to change her mind, Ron wound a (B)/handkerchief around her throat from behind and (C)/ strangle her till she stopped moving. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q30. He has produced dozens (A)/ of research papers and until (B)/recently continued to review and (C)/ edit for different ecology journals. (D)/

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error



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